



Kilmarnock Baptist Church

Welcome to Worship!

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

Order of Worship

Please quiet voices, hearts, and cell phones in preparation for worship.

Preparation

“Many refer to this passage as an example of humility. In a way that is correct, but there is a bigger implication for us today.” - Dave Pepler

Prelude

At the Midnight Hour

Esther S. Higgins

Invocation

Dave Pepler

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
 Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
 I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
 Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.*

*O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;
 I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
 My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
 But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.*

*O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
 Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
 O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!
 O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul!*

*O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee,
 That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
 And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
 O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend!*

Scripture Reading

Exodus 12: 11 - 14

Jennifer Riley

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Prayers of the People

Dave Peppler

Offertory Hymn * 365

In Remembrance

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*In remembrance of Me eat this bread.
 In remembrance of Me drink this wine.
 In remembrance of Me pray for the time,
 When God's own will is done.*

*In remembrance of Me heal the sick.
In remembrance of Me feed the poor.
In remembrance of Me open the door,
And let your brother in let Him in.

Take eat and be comforted.
Drink and remember too,
That this is My body,
And precious blood shed for you shed for you.

In remembrance of Me search for truth.
In remembrance of Me always love.
In remembrance of Me don't look above,
But in your heart; look in your heart for God.
Do this in remembrance of Me.*

Offertory Prayer

Dave Pepler

Doxology

Sermon Text

John 13: 1 - 17

Dave Pepler

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me



FLOWERS:

April Flowers - If anyone is interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary any Sunday in April, please contact Marty Sutherland at (804) 436-2073.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Good Friday – Tomorrow, be prayerful and mindful of what Jesus did for YOU.
Easter – Sunday, Mar. 31st, regular times: Sun. School 9:45, Worship 11:00 am
Personnel Committee – Monday, April 1st at 1:00 pm
Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Men’s Bible Study – Thursdays at 9:30 am
Pastor Search Committee – Thursdays at 4:00 pm
Coffee Hour & Fellowship – Sunday, April 7th after worship, hosted by the Deacons

WHAT’S NEXT:

There are walks we all take in life. Some are for exercise, some for fun, some for relaxing. There is one walk we all dread that is often the one that ends in extreme sadness. God has an answer for that. Join us on Sunday for the Easter sermon titled “*A Very Long Walk*”.



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What does “Maundy” mean?

On its own, the word ‘maundy’ means
‘the ceremony of washing the feet of the poor’.

Recorded around 1250–1300, the word ‘maundy’ comes from the Old French word, ‘mande’, in turn from the Latin ‘mandatum’, which means ‘command.’ This Latin word is the source of the English word ‘mandate’.

During the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of his 12 disciples as they shared their final meal. The specific mandate or command refers to the words Jesus spoke after washing their feet. In John 13:34, Jesus said:

“A new commandment I give you, that you love one another;
even as I have loved you.”

The meaning of washing feet is layered; it’s said that in the ancient world, a host would offer water for guests to wash their feet (open sandals being the footwear of the day).

So, washing feet is a sign of hospitality — of welcoming and care.

It is also an act of humility, as it’s said, the servants often washed feet.

The son of God, Jesus, is doing something so lowly?

Jesus’s washing of the feet is an illustration of a humble mission of service.

The act of foot washing has also come to symbolize the cleansing of sin — and so Jesus’s new commandment was urging his disciples to show forgiveness of sins to all, to “love one another; even as I have loved you.”